COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Wednesday, the $\frac{\textit{6th of April 1927.}}{\textit{24th of Meenam 1102.}}$

The Council met again in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on Wednesday, the 24th of Meenam 1102 (the 6th of April 1927), with the President in the Chair. The following Members were absent:—Messrs. Lonappan Chokkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, P. Kuñni Muhammad, P. Munda Vaidyan, A. Sankara Puduval and A. K. Thoma.

President.—The Secretary told me that you wanted to have your seat shifted, Mr. Ouseph. What is it due to?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I understand from a communication to me that this block is assigned to the Progressive Party. My seat is put here, and this is inconvenient to me. I should like to sit anywhere there (*pointing to the southern block opposite to him where the officials sit*).

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I do not know whether it is possible for me to give him a seat there. A seat may be arranged there for him (*pointing to the non-official block on the south-eastern side*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

A statement of the several defalcations of Sirkar money.

416. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of the result of investigation or adjudication of the defalcations of Government money during the years 1097, 1098, 1099 and 1100?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The only case of defalcation that has been adjudicated so far is that relating to the Mukundapuram Treasury. This resulted in the acquittal of the accused; but the lost Government money had already been made good from the parties responsible for the custody of the money.

There was a shortage of Rs. 21--10--0 in the cash chest of the Chittur Munsiff's Court on 6th Kanni 1099. This was made good by the then Head clerk then and there.

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The results of the investigation in the other cases cannot be placed on the table, since they are matters pending in Courts.

The request for a public road and water from the people of Nandipulam and Muppiliyam.

417. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a petition or petitions from the people of Nandipulam and Muppiliyam, signed by Messrs. Kaimuk Vydeekan and many others, requesting for a public road and for water being supplied to their paddy fields ; if so, what action has been taken regarding the same ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, the matter is being enquired into.

The want of a proper road in Chengallur.

418. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the great inconveniences and troubles experienced by the people of Chengallur in not having a proper road to their village, and state whether they have received petitions regarding the same ;

(b) whether the late Mr. Narayana Menon went to the spot, accompanied by the Director of Public Instruction and remarked that the grievances referred to above were real ;

(c) if so, what action has been taken regarding the same?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon visited the area. There is no information whether the Director of Public Instruction accompanied him. The grievances were found real.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I should like to refer to my original question. As it stands, it means something else. I remember to have sent it as "whether the late Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon."

President.—That makes a great difference. As it stands, the question is highly objectionable, without that expression "Diwan."

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Mr. Narayana Menon is not dead.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is understood to be Mr. Narayana Menon, the late Diwan.

President.—Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar has a right to see that his question is properly put, as he will be held responsible for his statement. As the late Diwan, Mr. Narayana Menon,

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